

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in the subject application. Claim 1 is the sole independent claim. Reconsideration of the pending rejections and favorable allowance of the subject application is earnestly solicited.

Substance of Interview

Applicant thanks the Examiner for her time and effort in preparing and conducting a personal interview with Applicant's representative (hereinafter Applicants) on January 25, 2007. During the Interview, both the Mayer and Stark references were discussed in detail in contrast to the subject application. Furthermore, proposed amendments to independent claim 1 were discussed which were agreed to overcome the pending rejections and cited art of record. However, the Examiner asserted during the Interview that further consideration and/or search would be necessary.

Therefore, Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination concurrently herewith such that the Examiner may give the attached claim amendments full consideration. Furthermore, as mentioned above, the attached amendments were agreed to overcome the pending rejections. Therefore, further discussion of the pending rejections will be omitted herein for the sake of brevity.

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CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1-10 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply to the outstanding Office Action and submit the required \$120 extension fee herewith.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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